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SUBJECT: LUERS MEETING WITH PAPAZOV

1. ON JUNE 2, VISITING DAS LUERS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR  
MET WITH NACHO PAPAZOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DEPUTY  
MARIN PETROV AND PLAMEN DESPOTOV, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
DEPARTMENT DPRECTOR. THERE WAS A USEFUL DISCUSSION OF ONGOING AND  
PROSPECTI AREAS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL-ECONOMIC  
EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION.

2. PAPAZOV (AND PETROV) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THEIR  
VISPT TO THE US, AND WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES OPENED UP  
BY THE NEW AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERAION.  
PAPAZOV REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO DISCUSSIONS WITH BARUCH  
ON A POSSIBLE JOINT SYMPOSIUM ON INTRODUCTION OF NEW  
TECHNILOGICAL PROCESSES. HE MENTIONED HAVING ALSO DISCUSSED  
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THIS WITH GVISHIANI OF THE USSR, AND SAID THATHE HAD PROPOSED  
BOTH TO BARUCH AND GVISHIANI A POSSIBLE TRILATERAL SYMPOSIUM.  
HE HOPED THAT THE MATTER VOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH KIRILIN OR  
GVISHIANI WITH DR. PRESS IS IN MOSCOW. LUERS MENTIONED THAT  
IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELA-  
TIONS, HE WAS NOT SURE PRESS WOULD BE GOING TO MOSCOW AT THIS  
TIME. PAPAZOV SAID THAT BULGARIANS WOULD BE HAPPY IF DR. PRESS

COULD STOP IN BULGARIA WHEN HE DOES GO TO THE USSR. LUERS  
MENPONED THAT DR. PRESS IS EXTREMELY BUSY, ALTHOUGH HE  
WOULD NO DOUBT LIKE TO VISIT BULGARIA IF THAT WERE FEASIBLE.  
PAPAZOV AGAIN EXTENDED A GENERAL INVITATION TO HIM.

3. LUERS ASKED WHETHER THE BULGARIANS WERE SATISFIED  
WITH THEIR RELATIONS WITH IREX, AND WITH THE NSF. PAPAZOV  
REQUESTED THAT PETROV COMMENT. PETROV MENTIONED THAT AFTER  
HE AND PAPAZOV HAD RETURNED FROM THE US, THEY INFORMED  
BULGARIAN SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND SOLICITED  
PROVSALS FOR COLLABORATIVE EXCHANGES. HE STATED THAT THEY  
HAD RECEIVED 7 OR 8 IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, CONCERNING  
TOBACCO, CORN, TOMATO HARVESTING AND GRADING, AND FRUIT.  
HE ALSO MENTIONED THE FIELDS OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN  
PLANNING, AUTOMATIVE DESIGN, PURIFICATION OF WASTE WATERS,  
AND USE OF LOW CALORY COAL. HE STATED THAT THEY EXPECT  
STILL MORE PROPOSALS. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE PROPOSALS  
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ON SPACE RESEARCH AND  
OTHER FIELDSSUCH AS HYDRAULIC SEALS. PETROV ALSO REFERRED  
TO THE FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH A NUMBER OF AMERICANS,  
MOSTLY BUSINESSMEN, ARRANGED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
YMCA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMEENT. (THE YMCA CENTER  
WAS SPECIFIED BY DESPOTOV; LUERS AND AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF  
HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF THAT MEETING.)

4. LUERS NOTED THE REFERENCE TO A NUMBER OF PROJECTS  
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CONCERNING AGRICULTURE, AND INQUIRED AS TO THE EXTENT TO  
WHICH THE BULGARIAN MINISTEROFAGRICULTURE AND THE USDA  
WERE INVOLVED. DESPOTOV REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW, THAT  
THESE PROPOSALS CAME FROM INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE MINISTRY  
OF AGRICULTURE AND HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THEIR STATE COMMITTEE,  
WHICH WOULD NOW CONTACT THE US. SOME OF THESE AREAS HAD  
BEEN FIRST BROACHED UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EARLIER 1972  
AGREEMENT (INCLUDING ALSO THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE AND  
EDUCATION). LUERS NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE  
USDA BE INVOLVED. HE ALSOSTRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
AGRICULTURAL AREA FOR COOPERATION, SINCE BOTH COUNTRPES ARE  
IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL EXPORTERS. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD  
CHECK WITH BARUCH ON AMERICAN COORDINATION WITH THE USDA.  
SIMILARLY, HE NOTED THE ROLE WHICH HUD COULD PLAY IN DEALING  
WITH THE FIELDS OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.  
DESPOTOV COMMENTED THAT EE OFFICER GLENN HAD BEEN ASKED  
TO HELP IDENTIFY CONTACTS WITH OTHER AMERICAN DEPARTMENTS  
IN COLLABORATION WITH DEBORAH WINCE OF THE NSF.

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5. PAPA ZOV EMPHASIZED THAT BULGARIA WOULD UNDERTAKE TO FULFILL THE RECENT AGREEMENT WITH CONCRETE CONTENT. HE NOTED THAT THE PLAN OF COOPERATION WAS STILL PRELIMINARY WITH PROPOSALS BEING MADE BY BOTH SIDES. HIS STATE COMMITTEE WAS COORDINATING ON THE BULGARIAN SIDE, AND WANTS TO WORK WITH THE NSF, ALTHOUGH THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE DIRECT CONTACTS OF OTHER AGENCIES ON THE TWO SIDES LATER. LUERS NOTED THAT IN AMERICAN-SOVIET SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS CONTACTS HAD INITIALLY BEEN MADE LARGELY BETWEEN THE NSF AND KIRILIN'S COMMITTEE AND LATER OTHER DEPARTMENTS BECAME INVOLVED. ACCORDINGLY, THERE WAS A PRECEDENTIAL BASIS FOR SUCH AN APPROACH.

6. PAPA ZOV NOTED THE INVITATION TO THEIR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND HOPED OTHER BULGARIAN MINISTERS COULD VISIT THE US AND COMPARABLE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS VISIT BULGARIA. LUERS AGREED.

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7. PAPA ZOV AND PETROV EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND LITERATURE THEY HAD RECEIVED IN THE US. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY LUERS AS TO WHETHER THERE WERE

ANY PROBLEMS, PAPAZOV NOTED THAT THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED SOME PROMISED LIST OF WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RESEARCH FROM CINCINNATI; THEY HAD RECEIVED SOME OTHER PROMISED MATERIAL FROM EPA IN N. CAROLINA. IT WAS NOTED THAT THEY HAD NOT MET WITH THE EPA IN WASHINGTON. LUERS SAID HE WOULD CHECK ON THE CINCINNATI MATERIAL.

8. LUERS NOTED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AREA WAS A GOOD ONE TO CONSIDER, ESPECIALLY IF THE BULGARIANS WERE READY TO PURCHASE AMERICAN PRODUCTS. PAPAZOV SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE THEY WERE. THERE ARE ALSO SOME BULGARIAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS AREA AND PERHAPS WE COULD TRADE ACHIEVEMENTS. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FIELDS OF LOW CALORY COAL AND REMOVAL OF SULPHUR FROM COAL; WATER PURIFICATION, PARTICULARLY REMOVAL OF CELLULOSE; AND ALSO USE OF WASTE WATERS FOR YEAST PRODUCTION. HE NOTED A SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM IN WATER POLLUTION FROM LARGE SWINE BREEDING FARMS IN THE DANUBE BASIN. BULGARIANS HAD FOUND THAT LARGE RESERVOIR TANKS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL, AND THE BEST METHOD APPEARED TO BE BACTERIAL RATHER THAN MERELY CHEMICAL TREATING. IN ANY CASE, THIS WAS A FIELD FOR FURTHER ATTENTION.

9. IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF URBAN PLANNING, PAPAZOV SUGGESTED THAT LUERS VISIT AN EXHIBIT BEING SHOWN AT THE SHIPKA GALLERY AND ARRANGED FOR A GUIDED VISIT FOR LUERS THE NEXT DAY (WHICH WAS ARRANGED).  
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